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Hanoi claims 5 planes down U.S. reports heavy damage in N. Vietnam

Four rockets blast U.S. Embassy in Beirut

BEIRUT (Reuter). — Four rockets were fired at the U.S. Embassy here last night, causing substantial damage but no casualties.

Security sources said the rockets were launched by a timing device from a private car parked across the street from the seafront Embassy.

Three of the rockets exploded in the upper floors of the building, showering glass over the main entrance. The fourth failed to explode. Security sources said it was an American-made anti-tank type of missile.



The Vietnam news agency in Hanoi yesterday issued this photo, saying it showed the debris of the B-52 which was shot down by the Hanoi armed forces in the Hanoi area on December 8, (left) and part of the outfit of one of the crewmen. (AP radiophoto)

U.S. B52s, tactical fighter-bombers and warships continued their unprecedented bombardment of North Vietnam yesterday.

The U.S. Defence Department reported that U.S. bombers have inflicted "very significant damage" on about a dozen different kinds of military targets in what appeared to be virtually non-stop raids on Hanoi-Haiphong and other areas of North Vietnam.

North Vietnam cancels peace talks — late

PARIS (UPI). — North Vietnam said yesterday it was cancelling the next meeting of Vietnam peace technicians in retaliation for unprecedented U.S. bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong.

Poland reported that American Air Force planes bombed and sank the Polish freighter Jozef Conrad in the port of Haiphong, killing three members of its crew, and injuring five others.

Reaction on Vietnam: Condemnation and regret

Countries throughout the world reacted to the renewed American bombing of North Vietnam with expressions ranging from outright condemnation to regret yesterday.

Israel Eleven beat Rumania, 2:1

JERUSALEM (Post Sports Reporter). — Two goals by Moshe Omara, playing in his second international match, gave Israel a 2-1 victory over the Rumanian League.

Farmers welcome rain

JERUSALEM (Post Staff). — After weeks of balmy weather, farmers finally established their yield, with rain again falling in parts of the country.

Shazli: Egypt planning 'long confrontation'

BY ANAN SAFADI. — Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter Egyptian Chief of Staff, Lt.-Gen. Sa'ad Mada Shazli, yesterday indicated Egypt was planning for a long-term confrontation with Israel.

Man shoots two at Kennedy Airport

NEW YORK (Reuter). — Two U.S. customs security agents were shot and seriously wounded yesterday by a man who grabbed a gun from one of the agents.

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Nixon-Kissinger rift rumours 'totally untrue'

WASHINGTON (AP). — The White House described as "totally untrue" yesterday speculation that President Nixon and Henry Kissinger may be at odds on Vietnam negotiating policy.

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Advertisement for BROADWAY 100 cigarettes, featuring a man and a woman and the slogan "LENGTHENS THE PLEASURE".

Advertisement for "THE ISRAELI ECONOMY" with various headlines.

Advertisement for "Morat Office Medals" with a list of medals.

Advertisement for "OLDA ON LEAVE" with details about a woman's leave.

Advertisement for "TOURIST! 30% Reductions" with a list of items and a photo of a woman.

Advertisement for "HAMASHBIR LATZARCHAN" department store with a large logo.

Advertisement for "TADIRAN WELCOMES MAYTAG TO ISRAEL" with a large logo.

Advertisement for "A PRIVATE BUILDING AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY REQUIRES PARTNER" with details about an investment scheme.

CHESTERFIELD TASTES GREAT SMOKES MILD They Satisfy

THE WEATHER Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy with scattered showers.

Social and Personal

President Shazar yesterday received the Public Council for the Publication of the Works of the Poet Shmuel Yitzhak Agnon.

The President also received Israel's Ambassador-Designate to Rwanda, Mr. Ze'ev Basman.

The Danish Foreign Minister, Mr. Knut Andersen, yesterday called on the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon.

The Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Johanna Nestor, yesterday called on Mr. Haim Bar-Lev, Minister of Commerce and Industry.

The West German Ambassador, Mr. Jesco von Puttkamer, yesterday visited the Druze village of Usifiya on Mount Carmel.

Pennsylvania Gov. Milton Shapp yesterday visited the Wizo Baby Home in Beit Hakerem.

The Vocal Newspaper in Beit Ha'em, Jerusalem, at 8:30 p.m. Friday, will feature Mrs. Esther Herzit, the Prime Minister's adviser on volunteer affairs.

The Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club will be host to Mr. Mordechai Shitman, spokesman of Egged.

ABEL - To Evelyn and Jeff, Jerusalem, a daughter, on Tuesday, December 19, at Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS Dr. E. Lehmann, Chairman of the Board of Bank Leumi, from a week's business trip to Europe.

Sanbar rebuts claim that wages dropped

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent A strong retort to Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon's statement this week that the country's planners have been misled through "intentionally false information" from their economists was published yesterday by Mr. Moshe Sanbar.

Begin reassumes hold on Herut machine

By MARK SEGAL Jerusalem Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — Herut chairman Menachem Begin yesterday once again reasserted his absolute personal rule over his party convention, literally steamrolling dissenting voice and emergent opposition groups into the ground.

He plunged straight into the inter-factional struggle in the morning at the behest of his old comrades from I.L.L. days who feared they were losing their grip on the party machine.

The coalition of branches led by the Tel Aviv regional branch focused on Executive Chairman Ezer Weizman began to disintegrate under Mr. Begin's personal pressure.

The immediate result was the decision of the Weizman bloc to abandon its bid in the Constitution Committee to transfer powers from the Central Committee, which is chaired by Mr. Begin, to the Executive, over which Mr. Weizman presides.

Mr. Begin loyalists were soon cautioning newsmen: "all the trouble comes from those second-rate politicians using Ezer Weizman as a stepping stone."

When Mr. Begin came to make his closing speech at last night's session, he devoted an inordinate part of his remarks to dismissing Mr. Weizman's proposal that Galah form "a shadow cabinet" headed by Mr. Begin.

As to his becoming Premier, Mr. Begin said, "you will find a better man when the time comes. But this man who I am talking about is not a candidate (Dr. Ezer Weizman as Justice Minister) and not six, and what about our Liberal partners?"

After the various blocs and branches met in caucus, the convention decided to adopt policy resolutions which Mr. Begin's new Central Committee will what promised to be an all-right session.

Mapai wing of Labour backs party weekly

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — The ex-Mapai political ranks of the Labour Party have lined up solidly behind the official policy of the party weekly "Oz".

Yesterday, Deputy Party Secretary-General Mordechai Surickas (Raft) urged the Leadership Bureau limit the weekly be closed and replaced by a more representative monthly.

Mr. Surickas recalled that he reported in August that the main cause of inflation during the first half of this year was the inflow of foreign currency.

Mr. Sanbar rebuffed the charge that he was a "right-wing opportunist" who was "stealing the show" from the party's economic planners.

He pointed out that during the three-year period 1969-71, gross average wage of heads of families increased by an average of 5.8 per cent a year in real terms.

No explanation was offered as to why family incomes declined in 1971. But economists in the bank stress that it is the general trend which counts.

Mr. Sanbar's remarks were interpreted as a warning that he would not be content with a wage policy agreed on at the beginning of the year.

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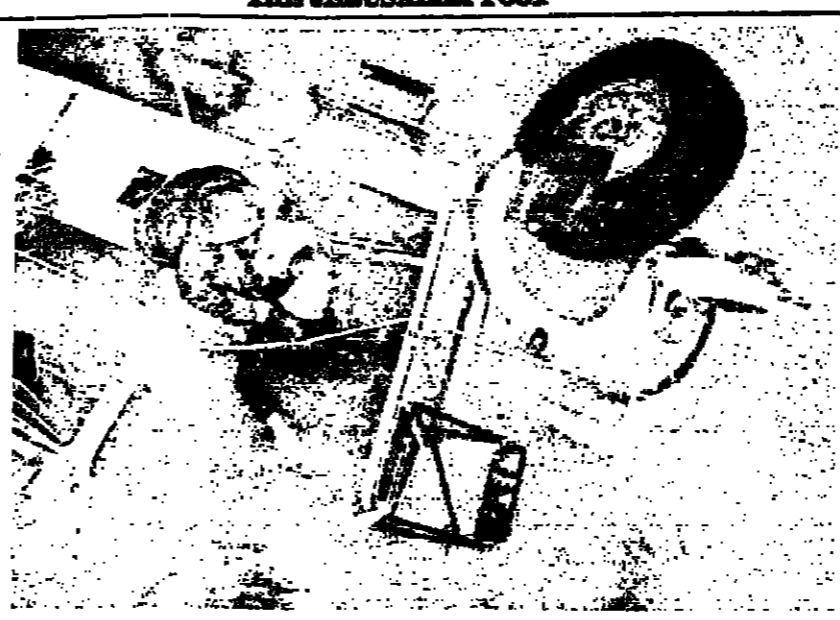
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Divers retrieve the body of Keisi Nadim Adin, 43, of Tulkarm, from the cab of a truck which plunged into the Yarkon River on Tuesday night.

Man dies as truck plunges into river

A diver extricated the body of a Tulkarm man from a truck that went off the road and plunged into the Yarkon River Tuesday night.

The driver and three other passengers were injured. They were pulled out of the river by ambulance men and police under peeling rain, and taken to Sheba Hospital.

The dead man, who was in the cab of the truck, was identified as Keisi Nadim Adin, 43.

The truck was travelling on the Geva Road between Petah Tikva and Ramat Gan when it crashed through the bridge on the Yarkon.

Police found no immediate cause for the accident.

In another fatal accident, Gless Shabtout, 23, of Nazareth, was killed near Shafrim, in the Lachish area, when his tender collided with an oncoming bus.

Two women of 40 were slightly injured aboard the bus. The driver was detained for questioning.

Weathermen Burg: We're strike, ban forecasts to blame for dirt

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The 60 engineers employed by the Meteorological Services have declared a 24-hour strike, starting at 4 a.m. this morning.

The weather forecasts will be available during the protest strike for television, radio newspapers or for the recorded weather forecast available on the phone.

Starting Friday at 4 a.m., the engineers will not give information to "outside" sources — farmers, ships at sea and research institutes — only to the radio and the newspapers.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, replying, challenged Mr. Levin, and said that it was generally cleaner in the Diaspora.

Dr. Burg urged Mr. Levin — as a teacher — to do more in the schools to educate a cleanliness-minded public.

In the next motion, about the Egged bus cooperative's plans to build its Jerusalem garage in the Talpiot quarter, the N.R.P.'s Yitzhak Raphael urged that a new site be found before it was too late.

Mr. Burg, who agreed that the motion be referred to Committee, pointed out that the site for the Talpiot garage lay in an industrial zone. When the site was approved in 1969, nobody in the Jerusalem Council objected, nor did the Health Ministry raise any queries.

Rehovot Mayor gets phone threats REHOVOT. — Police yesterday were investigating two anonymous telephoned threats to Rehovot Mayor Shmuel Rechtman.

The Mayor complained to police that on Tuesday night, when he returned home at about 10 p.m., he noticed a parked car near his house with three youngsters inside.

Half an hour later, the phone rang at the Mayor's home, and a voice said before hanging up: "You will pay a very high price for what you have done to us."

Fifteen minutes later the phone rang again, and a voice again threatened: "If you do not stop your activities against us, you will pay dearly."

Earlier this week, the Mayor held a press conference in which he warned that the city's green belt of 14,000 dunams of citrus groves was being threatened by land speculation.

He warned that zoning regulations forbidding agricultural land for housing developments.

POISON. — Greek police have arrested a Salonica poultry breeder who used poisoned breadcrumbs to kill 22 turkeys of a rival breeder.

To SHOLOMO NADEL, General Manager of Dead Sea Periclase Ltd.

Sincere condolences on the death of your father

JOSEPH NADEL Staff of Stearns Roger Corp.

France trying to better image here

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter France is seeking to improve the unfavourable image it has gained in Israel because of its Middle East policy. This emerged at a meeting Tuesday between Foreign Minister Abba Eban and French Ambassador Francis Hure.

At the meeting, called at the envoy's request, Mr. Hure is said to have sought to persuade Mr. Eban that Israel was ignoring the positive side of French policy.

According to authoritative sources in Jerusalem, the Ambassador said France had dropped all plans for taking any initiative of its own in the Middle East dispute. He noted also that France had initiated the Common Market proposal to include Israel and other Mediterranean countries in a reduced tariff zone linked with the Mart.

Mr. Eban, it is said, accepted these arguments but pointed to the continued French arms embargo on Israel and the slow of French arms to Libya. He said also that France's fundamentally pro-Arab stance remained unchanged.

Yesterday Mr. Eban met with Romanian Ambassador Ioan Covaci, who assured him that Romania's policy of "separating political opinions from the maintenance of good relations" remained unchanged.

The two men reviewed bilateral relations between Israel and Romania.

Mr. Alon suggested the idea of a partial settlement with the U.S. and meetings in Washington.

The official said that Mr. Alon had not raised the proposal during his Washington meetings.

He pointed that the partial settlement idea arose when efforts for general agreement were blocked since these obstacles remain it is not logical to assume that both sides of negotiations could now take place at the same time.

The official said the U.S. hoped for diplomatic progress. Americans have not made any specific suggestions, but their insistence on "getting something moving" seem as a new note, not present before the November Presidential election.

With the Soviets out of Egypt the cease-fire on the Canal still affect, the U.S. is said to believe time ripe for some new peace initiative.

Rebbitzen FREIDA PREIL of Elizabeth, New Jersey — Brooklyn, New York, died on December 19, 1972, and was buried on December 20, 1972 on Har Hacetim, Jerusalem.

OUR DEAR HANS I. ROSAUER HAS DIED

The funeral will leave today, Thursday, December 21, at 3:05 p.m., from the Municipal Funeral Parlor, 5 Rehov Daphna, Tel Aviv, for the cemetery on the East Yam — Holon boundary.

Heise Krish and his Many Friends, who will never forget him.

The Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School pays tribute to the memory of LOUIS P. ROCKER who died on December 11, 1972, having bequeathed his body for the advancement of science.

Sincerest condolences to the bereaved family.

The Managing Directors, Management, and Staff of Maritime Fruit Carriers Company Ltd. are deeply shocked at the tragic death of EPHRAIM KAHNA and offer sincere sympathy and condolences to the Family

To SHOLOMO NADEL, General Manager of Dead Sea Periclase Ltd. Sincere condolences on the death of your father

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An Israeli millionaire

In addition to his thriving metals business, Hugo Schwartz is a gourmet cook, an art collector who recently opened his own gallery, and a factor in international finance and shipping.

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WELFARE MINISTER Michael Chasani yesterday received the Freedom of the Regional Council of Shafrim, in Lachish.

Jerusalem hotels fill up for Xmas

Jerusalem Post Staff. Most of the larger hotels in Jerusalem will be fully booked for Christmas, a sample survey by the Jerusalem Post revealed yesterday.

Briton held in forged French documents case

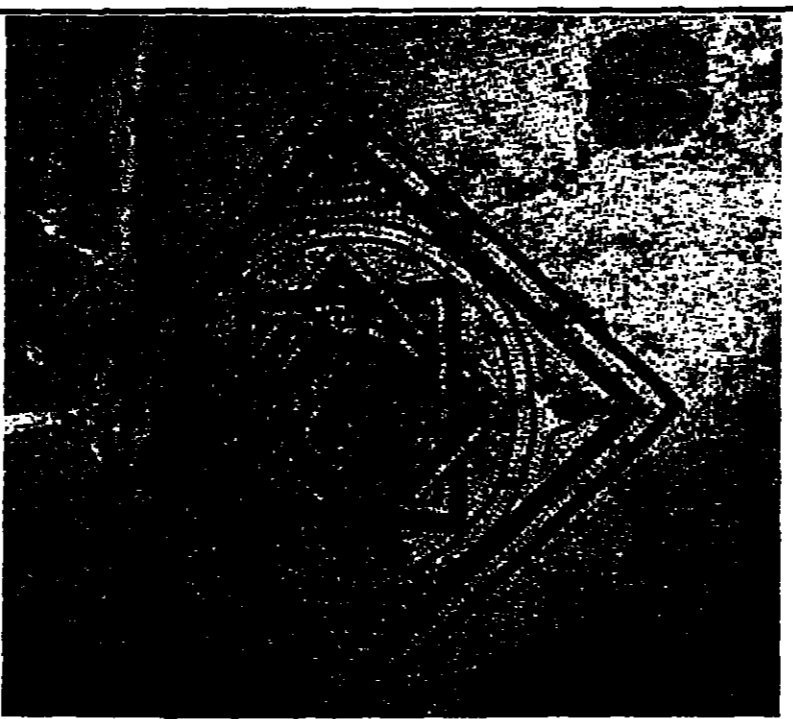
AIRPORT. — A 22-year-old English man was detained by Israeli authorities yesterday in connection with an attempt to smuggle forged documents aboard the Dan in Marseilles earlier this month.

Kahane can now become a citizen

Jerusalem Post Reporter. Rabbi Meir Kahane, the head of the Jewish Defence League, can now have Israeli citizenship for the first time.

Search prizes for scientists

AVEV. — Six scientists and 16 students from the country's leading universities this week received prizes for their research in the field of physics and chemistry.



A fragment of the mosaic pavement from the 4th century found at the Greek Orthodox shrine in Shepherds' Field, near Bethlehem.

Status of Soviet dental practitioners probed

Jerusalem Post Reporter. Health Minister Victor Shemtov yesterday promised to set up a committee to examine the grievances of the five Russian dental practitioners striking since Tuesday at the Health Ministry in Jerusalem.

ROW ABOUT RELIGIOUS COUNCILS IN KNESSET

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter. A parliamentary row about religious councils in general and the Jerusalem Religious Council in particular erupted in the Knesset yesterday.

'Long school day' in 40 schools next year

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter. Education Minister Yigal Alon told the Knesset Education Committee yesterday that the "long school day" would be introduced experimentally in the 1973/74 school year in 40 schools.

Sde Boker college will not get university status

Jerusalem Post Reporter. The Council for Higher Education decided this week not to raise the status of the Sde Boker college to that of a university.

Herzliya official to be suspended pending his trial

HERZLIYA. — Mayor Yosef Nevo said yesterday that the Municipal Building Inspector suspected of soliciting bribes would be suspended from his job as soon as the city received formal police notification of his arrest.

Tnuva Council seeks more money for milk

By YITZHAK OKED. Tnuva Council is seeking more money for milk. The Government must take immediate steps to close the gap between increasing demand for milk and milk production.

Neumann heads new spokesmen's group

Jerusalem Post Reporter. David Neumann, public information officer at the Central Bureau of Statistics, has been elected chairman of the Israel Spokesmen's Association.

Trade with Norway to be boosted

JERUSALEM. — Thirty leading exporters and importers met yesterday at the Basel Hotel to set up a "committee for the promotion of trade between Israel and Norway."



Jordan's 'package' charter flight plan a failure

LOD AIRPORT. — The Jordanian charter flight plan, aimed at drawing American tourists by promising them a visit to Israel via Allenby Bridge, has failed.

PEACE OF MIND THROUGH SHILOAH

Advertisement for Shiloah Life Insurance Policy, featuring a portrait of a man and text about peace of mind through insurance.

Woman, 73, says she was raped

BEERSHEBA. — A 73-year-old woman has complained to the police that she was raped by a young man who gave her a lift in his car.

Extortionist said going blind in prison

TEL AVIV. — Odded Harlap, the man convicted of an extortion attempt against building tycoon Arye Pilz, has gone blind awaiting sentence in prison.

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ROSSAUER

Advertisement for Anglo Saxon Real Estate, featuring a grid of property listings for various cities like Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Ramat Gan, Herzliya, Rehovot, and Netanya.

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BONN, EAST BERLIN SIGN TODAY Treaty brings E. Germany onto international stage

By BRIAN ARTHUR Jerusalem Post Correspondent
BONN. — The historic "basic treaty" to be signed by East and West Germany today ends a 20-year era in which the Bonn government claimed the right to speak for 17 million East Germans under Communist rule as well as for 60 million West Germans.

'Whale-like submarine' puzzles Danish officials

COPENHAGEN (AP). — Would a submarine conceivably navigate with the swiftness of a whale and pursue fishing vessels in an ice-filled, largely uncharted Greenland fjord? Would a whale conceivably surface and scan water and shores with a searchlight?

Such puzzling questions were being asked, often tongue-in-cheek, as Denmark's Defence Command yesterday dutifully continued the search for what could be a foreign submarine in the Disko Bay in West Greenland. Twelve days after the first report of sighting, the mystery was becoming increasingly peculiar.

There continues to be no certain proof of the presence of a foreign submarine but actual conditions make it practically possible. The Defence Command announced after analyzing fifteen reported observations some of which the military experts said were beyond reasonable doubt.

Saudi Arabia buying British jet trainers

LONDON (AP). The Royal Saudi Arabian Air Force has ordered an undisclosed number of Strikemaster jet trainers from the British Aircraft Corp., it was announced yesterday.

In addition, the Strikemasters already in service in Saudi Arabia are to be fitted with improved navigation systems with facilities for carrying a wider range of weapons.

Amin says British people are 'my best friends'

KAMPALA (UPI). — President Idi Amin yesterday brushed aside criticism by British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home and said Uganda would continue to be "very friendly" towards Britain.

Marcos suspends martial law 'temporarily' until vote

MANILA (AP). — President Ferdinand Marcos yesterday partially and "temporarily suspended" martial law throughout the Philippines to ensure "free and open" public debate on the proposed constitution.

Information Secretary Francisco Tatad said the suspension is effective immediately and only good up to January 15 next year when the nation goes to the polls to either ratify or reject the proposed charter.

No Malaysia ties with Israel 'for the moment'

KUALA LUMPUR (AP). — Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak told parliament yesterday Malaysia will not consider having diplomatic relations with Israel "at the moment."

French to vote on March 4, 11

PARIS (Reuters). — The government yesterday set March 4 and 11 as the dates for French general elections.

Restriction order: Vehicular traffic, parking, and traffic routing, Christmas 1973

In exercise of my legal authority, I hereby announce that from 5.30 a.m. on December 24, 1973, until 5 p.m. on December 25, 1973, the following restrictions will apply to traffic movement and parking, in the places indicated:

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1. Traffic restrictions
a. Roads closed to traffic: Derech Beit Leham, from the corner of Derech Hevron, will be closed to all vehicles in the Bethlehem direction, with the exception of vehicles with green stickers.

BETHLEHEM
1. Traffic arrangements
To the Bethlehem district will be permitted, only to vehicles with an appropriate parking sticker; invitations must be carried. The Police will direct drivers at the entry to the restricted area, in accordance with the type of parking sticker displayed.

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Pakistanis urge gov't not to recognize Bangladesh

LAHORE (Reuters). — A leading politician was critically wounded when shots were fired during a procession here yesterday by 1,500 people urging the Pakistan government not to recognize Bangladesh.

Nixon found to be in 'excellent health'

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — President Nixon underwent a two-hour physical examination yesterday and was declared to be in excellent health.

Israeli electricity to Hebron upheld in court

The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected an appeal by the Jordan Electricity Co. to bar the Military Government from putting the supply of current to Hebron into Israeli hands.

Bethlehemites fight land take-over

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter BETHLEHEM. — About 80 local people have petitioned Defence Minister Moshe Dayan against the fencing off of 70 sq. km. north and east of here. The area was taken over by the army a few months ago for what the petitioners say was training purposes.

Gas ad may lead to court suit

Jerusalem Post Reporter An advertisement inserted by the Gas Distributors Association in several newspapers yesterday may lead to legal action, the Commerce and Industry Ministry said last night.

Hebrew U. students' chief reinstated

Jerusalem Post Reporter Yigal Lanker, ousted Chairman of the Hebrew University Student Union, said yesterday he had reached a compromise with the student who took over from him, and would resume his post as chairman.

Ulster gunmen kill two as bombs explode in Belfast

BELFAST (UPI). — Gunmen struck twice in Northern Ireland yesterday and two men died. Simultaneous bombings wrecked a Belfast hotel and a government office.

Police said an off-duty private in the Ulster Defence Regiment, a part-time militia, was shot once in the back as he walked beside a reservoir in Londonderry yesterday. He died in a hospital.

David McAleese, 37, a Roman Catholic father of four children, was hit by two bullets fired from a passing car in Ballymagarrett, a mainly Protestant area of Belfast, as he waited for a bus to take him to work.

Two bombings brought to 669 the number killed in more than three years of conflict among Northern Ireland's majority Protestants, minority Roman Catholics and British security forces.

Police arrest 12 for terrorizing Cyprus village

NICOSIA (Reuters). — Police yesterday arrested 12 men in connection with the takeover of a southern Cyprus village on Sunday night by a gang of armed men.

AACI head blasts new tax rules

By AARON SITTNER Jerusalem Post Reporter The national president of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel last night assailed as "stupid and prejudicial" the revised rules on immigrants' customs duty benefits.

Naples man murdered after ignoring protest

NAPLES (Reuters). — A Neapolitan motorist who yesterday forced his car through a street demonstration by 300 people receiving a punch in the face and damage to his car, was later shot dead by two men who forced their way into his home.

Pajama-clad man nabs burglars single-handed

TEL AVIV. — A pajama-clad Shmryahy man single-handedly nabbed two burglars whom he spotted stealing building materials next his home early yesterday morning.

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Ministry of Education and Culture
Department of Antiquities and Museums
P.O.B. 586, Jerusalem

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Notice is hereby given to all that their licences expire on December 31, 1973, and should be renewed by that date.

Applications for renewal of licences, together with the expired licence should be addressed to the Director of Antiquities, P.O.B. 586, Jerusalem. A copy signed by the dealer of a complete and up-to-date inventory of all his antiquities, and the licence fee of IL2.— (twenty-five pounds) should also be included.

Dealers not yet in possession of a licence should apply to the Department of Antiquities for such a licence, stating full name, name of firm, and private and business addresses, and enclosing the statutory fee (IL2.—) as well as a copy of an inventory as detailed above.

Any dealer in whose possession there are three or more antiquities is considered to be a dealer in antiquities.

The Director of Antiquities herewith reminds the public in general and dealers in antiquities in particular that on March 28, 1973 an amendment to the Antiquities Ordinance was published providing, inter alia, as follows:

"NO PERSON SHALL SELL OR TRANSFER AN ANTIQUITY TO ANYBODY WHO IS NOT AN ISRAELI RESIDENT, UNLESS THE SELLER OR THE TRANSFEROR IS IN POSSESSION OF AN APPROPRIATE LICENCE FROM THE DIRECTOR."

The Director also wishes to remind all dealers in antiquities that the regulations which require the dealer to maintain an inventory as detailed by the Antiquities Rules has now been given additional force by being incorporated in the Law itself.

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Controller of Road Transport,
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RESTRICTION ORDER: VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, PARKING, AND TRAFFIC ROUTING, CHRISTMAS 1973: JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM, AND BEIT SAHUR

In exercise of my legal authority, I hereby announce that from 5.30 a.m. on December 24, 1973, until 5 p.m. on December 25, 1973, the following restrictions will apply to traffic movement and parking, in the places indicated:

JERUSALEM
1. Traffic restrictions
a. Roads closed to traffic:
Derech Beit Leham, from the corner of Derech Hevron, will be closed to all vehicles in the Bethlehem direction, with the exception of vehicles with green stickers.
b. Prohibition of parking
Parking on either side of Derech Beit Leham and Derech Hevron will be prohibited.

BETHLEHEM
1. Traffic arrangements
To the Bethlehem district will be permitted, only to vehicles with an appropriate parking sticker; invitations must be carried. The Police will direct drivers at the entry to the restricted area, in accordance with the type of parking sticker displayed.
a. Traffic restrictions
1. Beit Jala road will be closed to traffic.
2. The new road: Beit Sahur — Zur Baher will be a one-way section in the direction, Beit Sahur to Zur Baher.
b. Parking restrictions
The Police will issue instructions, indicating where parking prohibitions apply.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT/SPECIAL JOURNEYS
a. Buses
1. Organized tourist groups — parking sticker 3 — will travel to Bethlehem from the Rachel's Tomb Junction, and will be directed to a car park by the Police.
2. "Special" shuttles from Jerusalem between 8.30 and 10 p.m. — parking sticker 3
Departure Terminal for Bethlehem — Rehov Agron, parking bay opposite Super-Gol — The Police will direct drivers to parking.
Departure Terminal for Jerusalem — Rehov St. George, near St. George Hotel — The Police will direct drivers to parking.
b. Regular shuttles to Bethlehem — parking sticker 4
From Egged Central Bus Station to Bethlehem: pick-up points in Derech Hevron, Ein Rogel Junction, and Rachel's Tomb.
Bus services from East Jerusalem — parking sticker 4
From the bus station at the Damascus Gate to the Bethlehem Cinema.
Passengers will be picked up by the cinema for the return journey after the ceremony.
c. Jerusalem — Tel Aviv bus service
This will continue until 3 a.m. on December 25, 1973.
d. Taxis
Last taxi service — parking sticker 5
From the Jaffa Gate to Bethlehem. Pick-up and alighting point in Derech Wadi Mall, in the southern part of the square of the Church of the Nativity.

GENERAL
a. During the above restrictions, traffic will not be permitted on the Jerusalem — Hevron road, nor within Bethlehem. Traffic will be directed to the following route: Beit Jala, Beit Sahur, Jerusalem; and to the new Beit Sahur — Zur Baher road, in the direction towards Jerusalem only.
b. Until 4 p.m., residents of Bethlehem, Beit Sahur, and Beit Jala will be able to leave the district by private vehicles bearing a special sticker. After that time, they will be able to leave only by bus or taxi.

M. BATELAI
Controller of Road Transport,
Jerusalem and Southern Districts,
Judea and Samaria

ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION
Tender No. 36/72

LEASING OF LAND FOR ERECTION OF INDUSTRIAL WORKSHOPS

The Israel Lands Administration offers land in Ramle on long leases for the erection of industrial workshops.

Details, sample agreements, and forms for submitting bids can be obtained at our Tel Aviv area office, 88 Rehov Petah Tikva (Room 4, ground floor) during office hours.

Bids must be accompanied by a special written recommendation, in which reference is made to this tender, the recommendation to be obtained from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Bids must be submitted by 12 noon on February 9, 1973.

Israel Lands Administration does not undertake to accept the lowest or any bid.

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BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 12 NOON ON JANUARY 26, 1974.

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ASTRONAUTS HEAD HOME FOR HOLIDAY REUNIONS

BOARD USS TICONDEROGA (UPI). — The last astronauts of Apollo headed home yesterday for holiday reunions with their families and acclaim from colleagues for a flawless finale to the project that put men on the moon.

Their two-million-km. journey to the moon and back behind them, Apollo-17 astronauts Eugene A. Cernan, Ronald E. Evans and Jack Schmitt still had 10,150 kms. to go aboard this old World War II aircraft carrier to Houston, Texas.

The astronauts' schedule called for them to arrive at Ellington Air Force Base near the Houston Space Centre at 10 a.m. today.

"I couldn't be happier that the first man on the moon has been my friend. We're making history. And we're not the kind of people to stop here," said Cernan's wife Barbara.

President Nixon said the U.S. would continue to play a major role in making space history.

Apollo-17's splashdown in the Pacific on Tuesday wrote an end to a \$25,000m. programme that put astronauts on the lunar surface for a total of 80 hours 35 minutes.

Altogether, 33 astronauts were involved in the programme starting in 1968 and they logged 104 days, 5 hrs and 3 minutes travelling a total of 28,996,642 kms. in space.



The parachutes of Apollo-17 start to collapse as the command module America comes to the surface an instant after splashdown in the South Pacific on Tuesday, ending the Apollo lunar mission series. (AP radiophoto)

CHRISTMAS OFF

The three Apollo-17 astronauts will make technical reports tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday, but will be next week off for Christmas.

Most of their intense debriefing scheduled to begin January 2, their first such report is tentatively set for January 3.

The record harvest of 268 pounds of rock and soil from the moon's lunar-Litval Valley is leaving the carrier first.

Top priority has been assigned to an orange dirt Cernan and Schmitt hauled up from the rim of a crater shed shortly. Scientists said they go to take their first look at it 10 days after Christmas.

Geologists are betting the orange dust will be proof that the moon had relatively recent volcanism, only "as recent as" 500 million years ago. Steam or other volcanic gas normally rust or otherwise alter minerals and create orange or red colour.

Also receiving special attention are five thumb-sized California deserts that made the voyage in tied aluminium tubes. They will be taken to San Francisco for police to examine where their dust will be examined to see how some is affected by cosmic radiation.

Cernan, Evans and Schmitt were aboard this veteran recovery ship less than an hour after their command ship America splashed only 1,478 metres from their target Tuesday. The spacecraft, seared by the 5,000-degree heat, was hoisted aboard an hour later.



Mrs. Barbara Cernan, wife of Apollo-17 commander Eugene Cernan, watches jubilantly at the Houston space centre as the spacecraft with her husband aboard splashes down in the Pacific on Tuesday.

Europe's future in space discussed

BRUSSELS (UPI). — Europe's space and science ministers, chastened by failure and overshadowed by America's Apollo-17 feat, met yesterday to decide if their continent has a future in space.

The ministers debated an American invitation to the Europeans to take part in the U.S. post-Apollo programme. They also debated a French call for one more try at an all-European space launcher.

The meeting began four hours late because British Minister Michael Heseltine was delayed by fog in London.

Attempts in earlier months to convene the meeting were cancelled because disagreement seemed certain. Seven years and one billion dollars of European space efforts have produced only six satellites, all launched by U.S. rockets, and repeated failures to put all-European "Europa" launchers into orbit.

Now, Britain and West Germany, which paid the biggest share of the "Europa" budget, have dropped out of the programme and the US has invited the Europeans to merge their efforts into the post-Apollo "skylab and space shuttle" project.

France opposed this. Instead, it urged the European nations to scrap their Europa-3 rocket in favour of a new three-stage launcher called the L-3S.

France says the L-3S would be produced by private European industry, would launch a weather, communications and navigation satellite and would cost \$440m. — less than two-thirds of Europa-3's \$720m. France has offered to put up 60 per cent of the money.

France feels that Europe must safeguard its independence by competing with the U.S. and the Soviet Union in space. To rely on U.S. rockets would be to make the European space future a hostage to American whims, French officials say.

No more hang-ups; no more mistletoe

LONDON (UPI). — Flower dealers winding up the night's business at Covent Garden, London's fruit and vegetable market, said yesterday this was the worst year ever for sales of mistletoe.

"It's a different sort of age," one weary dealer said. "When they strip off naked in Leicester Square you can see the reason why. They don't need mistletoe today."

U.N. studies world lottery to raise cash

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — A worldwide lottery as a possible source of revenue for the United Nations will be studied in the coming year by the U.N. secretariat.

The General Assembly voted 94-3 at its closing session on Tuesday night for the study. Thirty countries abstained, including the U.S., China, the entire Soviet bloc, the Netherlands and Finland. Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Spain voted against the study.

It is to explore political, cultural, legal and administrative problems of a lottery and the degree to which governments would cooperate.

The Assembly also voted approval of a U.N. operating budget of \$225.9m. for 1973, six per cent over the amount budgeted last year.

The U.S. has been paying 31 1/2 per cent of the costs but at this year's Assembly it got its dues reduced to 25 per cent, starting with 1974.

Pint-sized gang stopped by police

DETROIT, Michigan (AP). — The Milk Chute Gang and its little red get-away wagon is out of business, according to police. They say they arrested four youngsters who allegedly broke into 37 Detroit homes via milk chutes since September.

(A milk chute is a double-doored, box-like device in a wall where a deliveryman can put milk in one side and it can be withdrawn from inside the house.)

The four boys, aged 10 to 13, hauled away their loot, including radios, rings, watches and an electric saw, in a little red wagon, juvenile officers said.

Only \$200 worth of goods has been recovered of the \$900 worth stolen, police said, including 52 cents in cash.

The truant knocked on a door. If no one answered, one crawled into the house through the milk chute and opened the door for his cronies, police said.

Seamen rescued from tankers' collision in gulf

BAHRAIN (AP). — Twenty-seven survivors from the fire-wrecked South Korean tanker Sea Star were brought here yesterday aboard the U.S. Navy destroyer Charles R. Ware. None was seriously injured.

It is now believed here that 15 men are missing in the Gulf of Oman after Tuesday's collision between the Sea Star and the Brazilian Horta Barboza, both 50,000-ton ships.

A second American destroyer, Seiler, has replaced the Charles R. Ware at the scene of the disaster to continue the search for survivors.

The tanker Amoco Baltimore has taken on board 36 Brazilians and two Koreans and is heading to Kharg Island on the Iran side of the Persian Gulf, reports here said.

WRESTLERS. — The actors' union, Equity, has made room in its ranks here for wrestlers. The grunt and groan men will be admitted in the category of entertainers.

TIPSY. — Housewives in Johannesburg have been asked by the milk distributors association to stop leading their employees astray by getting them tipsy over Christmas because "drunken milkmen are a hazard on the roads."



WARM WELCOME — Comedian Bob Hope is greeted by an enthusiastic fan as he and his troupe arrived in Tokyo at the start of his annual holiday tour of U.S. military bases. (AP radiophoto)

'Millions of dollars in heroin' inside GI bodies

HONOLULU (UPI). — Hundreds of the bodies and casket linings, they said.

An investigation revealed that bodies are often in stop-overs at Hickam air force base in Hawaii and that the KC135 planes remain on the ground 16 to 24 hours while crews rest.

The first official acknowledgement of the operation came on Friday in Baltimore during a bail reduction hearing for Thomas Sutherland, 31, charged with using false documents and impersonating military personnel. He was arrested at Andrews air force base outside Washington and is being held on \$50,000 bail in Baltimore city jail.

Federal agents said Sutherland, who had never been in the service, was wearing an army sergeant's uniform and was accompanying the bodies of two soldiers aboard a plane headed for Dover air force base in Delaware. They were informed that heroin might be in the bodies, so the plane was diverted to Andrews where it was searched "inch by inch" and the bodies opened.

Although no drugs were found, U.S. attorney Michael Marr told the court one body showed a recent incision and stitching. The bodies were left in a hangar during its 24-hour stop-over in Honolulu, Marr said.

Sources said most of the persons involved in the plot are ex-GIs who saw experience in Vietnam. The conspiracy has been operating about eight years, they said during which time "maybe hundreds of millions of dollars" worth of heroin were brought into the U.S.

Officials said heroin is believed to have been sewn inside the bodies of servicemen and in the lining of their caskets in plastic packets from five to 25 kg. — 20 kg. of heroin is worth up to \$5m., in the street.

'U.S. ignoring drug traffic by friendly gov'ts'

WASHINGTON (AP). — A congressional report on a "Latin connection" for drug traffic cites Panama as "one of the more glaring examples of official corruption," and says the U.S. State Department is soft-peddling discussions of drug matters with friendly nations.

The State Department "has put a higher priority on placating an increasingly hostile and demanding regime in Panama than it has on taking a firm stand against a government that is a major factor in allowing the international flow of heroin and cocaine presently inundating the U.S.," said New York Rep. John Murphy in a report to Congress. The report will be submitted next year.

Rep. Murphy said the State Department "has had a historic policy of ignoring or denying the involvement in the narcotics traffic... of high-ranking officials of friendly foreign governments."

He said this panel was briefed by U.S. customs agents concerning major seizure cases covering mid-1970 through 1971, including a case which, he said, officials had concluded "reached into the highest levels of Panamanian officialdom and included Moses Tonrijos, the brother of Gen. Omar Tonrijos, and the Panamanian Foreign Minister, Juan Tack."

Bonn to name ambassador to Kuwait

BONN (Reuters). — The West German Foreign Ministry yesterday welcomed a proposal from Kuwait to establish diplomatic relations, and said an ambassador for the gulf state would be named soon.

The Foreign Ministry said West Germany and Kuwait agreed in 1964 to establish diplomatic relations, but Bonn's recognition of Israel in 1965 caused the agreement to be shelved.

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BERN (AP). — Switzerland and East Germany have agreed to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, the Swiss government announced yesterday.

Saudia will open missions in three African states

AMMAN (Reuters). — Saudi Arabia will soon open diplomatic missions in Niger, Sierra Leone and Cameroon, the Saudi Radio said in a broadcast monitored here yesterday.

The radio broadcast a report by the Saudi Press Agency, which quoted Saudi Arabian Foreign Under-Secretary, Sheikh Mohammed Ibrahim Massoud, as saying the missions will be opened in the three African countries on the instructions of King Faisal, who made a tour of African countries last month.

Sheikh Mohammed also said the Saudi representative in Chad would soon present new credentials to Chad President Francois Tombalbaye as his country's first ambassador there, the radio reported.

Last month King Faisal visited Uganda, Senegal, Niger, Chad and Mauritania to strengthen bilateral ties and Islamic solidarity between Saudi Arabia and the five African states.

As a result of the King Faisal's visit to Chad, a Saudi mission visited Fort Lamy last week to study the possibility of extending Saudi aid and exploring the spheres of possible cooperation between the two countries, Sheikh Mohammed said.

Two Yemens agree on border troop withdrawal

BEIRUT (Reuters). — North and South Yemen took one more step towards implementing their union pact by agreeing to withdraw troops from the Beida border area, according to the Iraq News Agency.

In a dispatch from Sana'a, the agency said the announcement was made by Mr. Abdullah al Khameri, Information Minister of the People's Democratic Republic of (south) Yemen.

Mr. Khameri made the statement after conferring for about an hour with Kadhil Abdul-Rahman al Iryadi, head of state of the (north) Yemen Arab Republic.

Mr. Iryadi yesterday received Dr. Selim al Yafi, Assistant Secretary General of the Arab League and head of a mediation commission which helped to bring about a ceasefire ending nearly six weeks of fighting between the two Yemens last September and October.

Quick-growing wheat developed

TUNIS (Reuters). — The Tunisian agricultural research institute has developed two new types of quick-growing wheat which reach maturity before the desiccating *hamsin* winds arrive, according to the Minister of Agriculture, Dhaoul Hannabla.

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3. Mr. Hillel Fefermann

Any other signature, or any other combination of these signatures will not obligate the companies.

THINGS MAY NOT BE EASY FOR THE LEAGUE LEADERS

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The new National League leaders, Tel Aviv Hapoel...



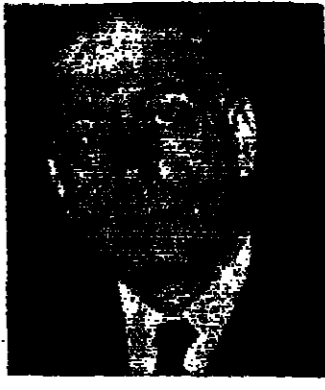
will have a tough encounter this week, playing away against Hapoel Haifa. Like their Maccabi town-mates, Haifa Hapoel has been extremely erratic this season...

happy playing away as it is in Netanya, and I doubt if they will collect any points this week. The most improved showing in the league last week was that of Tel Aviv Betar in beating Petah Tikva Maccabi 3:0...



Michelangelo's Pieta was displayed (at left) Tuesday in the Vatican after being restored. Last May a man attacked the statue with a hammer, leaving it as shown at right.

RENÉ MAYER — AN APPRECIATION
French statesman who was active in Jewish affairs



RENÉ Mayer, one of the great political figures of the Fourth French Republic, who died in Paris last week, was very proud of the role he played in the historic decision to set up a Jewish State...

He served successively as Minister of Finance, of Defense and of Justice and was Prime Minister from January to June 1953. Then he left the French political field, to become President of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community in Luxembourg...

Procuring not a sex offence

LAW REPORT
In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Criminal Appeals
Before Justices Cohn, Matz and Kister.
State of Israel Appellant, v. Yosef Biton, Respondent (C.A.128/72)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1972
PROCURING IS NOT "SEXUAL OFFENCE"

The Supreme Court allowed another any other sole evidence other appeal against a judgment of the Beersheba District Court, delivered on February 6, 1972.

The respondent, Yosef Biton, was charged in the Beersheba District Court with procuring, contrary to section 1(a)(2) of the Penal Law (Prostitution) Offences Act, 1962, which provides, inter alia, that "a person who knowingly receives something that has been given for an act of prostitution...

Justice Cohn then went on to discuss the problem of whether procuring would come within the definition of a sexual offence. He admitted that she had agreed to an act of which she was later ashamed. In short, the demand for corroboration was a means of protection against false accusations.

Justice Cohn, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, first considered the question of whether it was necessary for a woman to be a proven prostitute before the person who received payment for arranging for someone to have sexual intercourse with her should be found guilty of procuring.

Turning next to the second reason given by the District Court for acquitting the respondent — that there had been no corroboration of the testimony of the man who had had sexual relations with Kochava and had paid the respondent IL20 for this — Justice Cohn noted that the Supreme Court had never yet considered the question of whether procuring should be deemed to be a sexual offence which cannot be established by sole, unsupported testimony.

Judgment given on December 13, 1972.

LACK OF SPIRIT

Music Reviews
Concert of Chamber Music. Paha Saleman, piano; Yona Ettlinger, clarinet; Uri Wiesel, cello. (Tel Aviv, December 18, 1972.)

nothing remarkable, personal convincing, and insecure intonation in many of the higher notes was a further serious shortcoming. Seter's "Monodrama," a piece for clarinet and piano, which includes some operatic forms as aria, arsis, recitative etc., shows great economy of means, but besides creating mood, it has nothing to say.

Aggressive and fresh

MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITY: The Jerusalem Chamber Choir of the Rubin Academy of Music, Stanley Sperber, conductor (Wise Auditorium, Givat Ram Campus — December 18, 1972.)

and, consequently, the present situation was a bit rough. But pleasant atmosphere was created and hundreds of students followed the hour of interesting music with rapture and appreciative applause.

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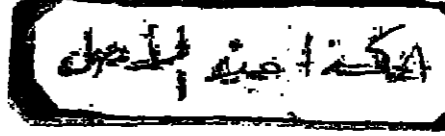
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Stalingrad under siege — Stalin said: "Hold it at all costs."

JW (UPI). — I was in Kullback to which the Moscow press had been evacuated in October 1941, when the U.S. was still in the war at Pearl Harbor. The news came to me in odd evening of December 6 I was a story in my room in the Grand Hotel — a milestone it did not have a private bath — when the

to see a group of soldiers trying to salvage some of the composer's manuscripts and bric-a-brac from a bonfire started by the Germans before their retreat.
The year of 1942 was one of frustration and discontent for the Moscow press corps. Communications were slow so that the war communiques reached London by radio before we could explain and interpret them. The censorship was harsh and unimaginative. Very few trips to the front were permitted — and then usually only after a major Soviet victory and only to army headquarters. The news from all the Allied fronts was not encouraging and the Russians kept clamouring for a "second front" in Europe which they said had been promised for 1942.

air attacks, was to prove rewarding for a reporter.
On the second day of the journey a group of junior officers invited me to join them for "tea and the second front." Fearing a discourtesy I declined, but they insisted and one of them, smiling broadly, pointed to a cube of glistening white sugar in an American wrapper. "This," he said, "is what we call your ersatz second front."
I was to hear this taunt with regard to American spam, canned stewed meat and all other American supplies until the Normandy invasion in June, 1944.

and delusion, that the Germans were only mulling time, waiting for spring, to cross the Volga and then move northward and take Moscow from behind.
A few months later, at American headquarters at Teheran, I ran into Hurley who had once been U.S. Secretary of War. Conscious of the embarrassment at the Moscow Airport, I tried to avoid him but he spotted me and came over.
"Henry," he said in his Oklahoma drawl, "you're the best pal a man ever had. When I got back to Washington and told the Pentagon what I had seen at Stalingrad, nobody would believe me. They said I knew nothing about war and the Russians had taken me in. Then your articles started coming in and confirmed everything I had said."

to go to the front, was on a "private bath" — when the

The great battle of the Russian steppes raged all that summer and by early fall the Germans had cut through to Stalingrad, the strategic city connecting the heart of Russia with the Caucasus and its oil, and reached the Volga.

There were no railroad stations, just dugouts where the military commandants and train personnel lived. Nevertheless, there was an unbroken flow of men and arms, guns, tanks, and rockets. There was little evidence of Allied supplies other than food and later Gen. Chistakov, commander of the sector, Gen. Vasily Chuikov, commander of Stalingrad itself, told me that 95 per cent of the equipment other than food was Soviet-made.

I was taken to a dugout headquarters well below the reach of German shells and shown maps disclosing not only the Soviet ring around Stalingrad but another concentric one, scores of miles away, which inexorably tightened the noose around Paulus.

Letters to Stalin
Stalin's order was to hold the city at all costs since "there was no more place to retreat." Troops burned their boats behind them and fought the Germans street by street and house by house.
After hearing reliable reports of a Soviet counter-offensive which was going well, I started peppering Stalin and Molotov with letters asking permission to see the front.
Much to my surprise I had a telephone call from the press department in mid-November asking me to show up at the military airport where a fighter plane would take Gen. Patrick Hurley, Roosevelt's roving ambassador, and me to Stalingrad.
My car had been on the frozen street all night, and in the morning I could not start it on time to get to the plane. Departure was delayed one hour for me but when Hurley was told the reason he strongly protested, "I will have no reporters on that plane. Marshal Stalin promised me that trip alone."
A few days later other arrangements were made and, accompanied by a Red Army staff colonel, I took the train to a sector of the Stalingrad front. The five-day trip in a troop-carrying train, across war-ravaged country, subject to German

Confidence
At Stalingrad there was a feeling of confidence I was not to sense again until the last year of the war.
When I returned to Moscow I wrote a series of dispatches reporting the German disaster and predicting the beginning of the end.
Chief censor Falgunov, who apparently did not know what I knew, called me to say he could not pass my stories because "they were too optimistic." I did not argue but immediately penned a letter of protest to Molotov. Another call from Falgunov came the next day.
Without offering any explanation a more friendly Falgunov now said he could pass the dispatches if I rewrote them a little. I merely rephrased a few paragraphs and the story was off.

Its impact must have been substantial. Aside from the fact that most of my colleagues in Moscow (and who could blame them?) were ready to murder me, I enjoyed a scurrilous attack by propaganda chief Josef Goebbels himself. Berlin, after maligning my ancestry, denounced me as an ignorant diluvian.
Some sceptical Western observers also did not believe my conclusions. One of them mused that the alleged Soviet offensive was a mere

Mopping up
I was to undertake one more trip to Stalingrad before the final mop-up, followed by months of new frustrations until I managed to wrangle a first and solo journey to the besieged city of Leningrad in August, 1943.
I was taken in an armed military fighter which flew part of the way over German-held territory.
As we approached Tikhvin, about 240 kms. south of Leningrad, we were attacked by German aircraft and forced to land on a camouflaged airstrip in the woods. We escaped harm and at dawn four Soviet fighters arrived from Leningrad to escort us until we landed on one of the city squares a stone's throw from the shell-battered Imperial Winter Palace.
Leningrad was as still as a cemetery and part cemetery indeed it was. It contained the remains of an estimated million civilians who had perished from bombs and shells or frozen or starved to death during the 900 day's siege. Many of the victims now lie in mass graves at the Piskarevskoye graveyard-shrine visited by President Nixon last May.
"Nothing is forgotten and nobody is forgotten" reads a declaration above one of the cemetery's portals written by poet Olga Berggolts, one of the survivors of the siege.
The emptiness of the city which once boasted a population of almost four million was fantastic.
There were about half a million residents left. Those who were not soldiers walked around like ghosts, but the younger ones, mostly girls in military uniform, marched up and down the once gay boulevards training for the front which was still just outside the city.
The city was still under fire, and from the Kirov armaments plant whose workers, about 80 per cent of them women, were making ammunition in roof-less shops with shell-battered walls, I could see German soldiers moving about across the narrow bay.
More fantastic was the sight of vegetables — radishes, cucumbers, lettuce, etc. — growing outside the Winter Palace, in the alleys of the magnificent parks and on the embankments of the rivers and canals.

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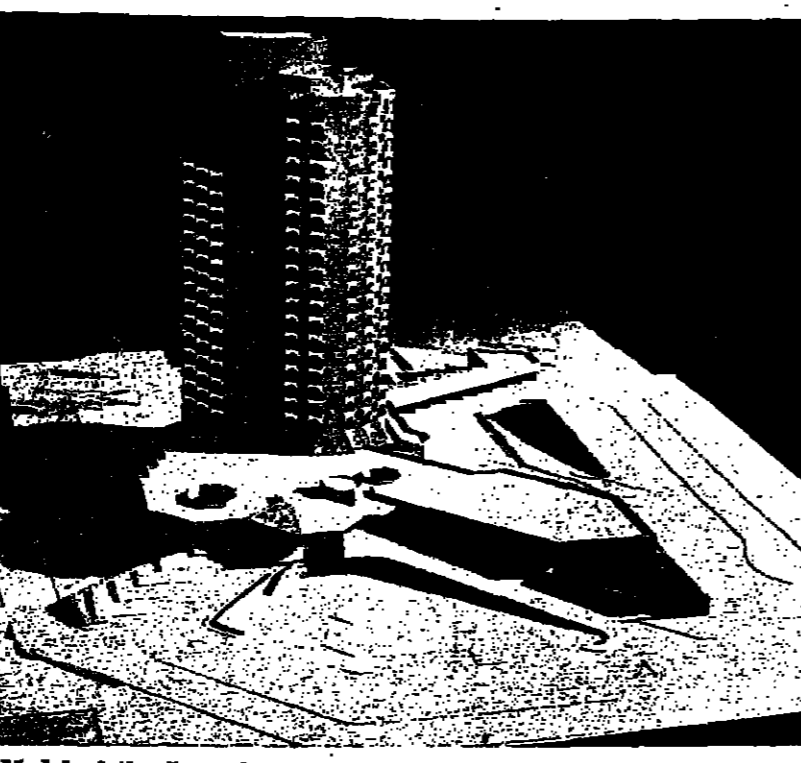
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By DAVID KRIVINE Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
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statistics have been biased by political events. 'Till November 1970, tourism was below par, owing to the 'war of attrition'...

Alcohol dispute solved at last session of Six

BRUSSELS (AP). — The last council meeting of the old European Common Market six nations ended yesterday after more than 25 hours continuous negotiation...

W. Germany, China sign trade accord

BONN (AP). — West Germany and Communist China have concluded their first formal trade agreement two months after establishing diplomatic relations...

Honda says it meets pollution requirements

TOKYO (Reuters). — Japan's Honda Motor Company yesterday claimed to be the first car maker in the world to meet exhaust emission control requirements of the U.S. so-called 'clean air' act.

Unions must approve strikes, court rules

By YAACOV ARDON Jerusalem Post Reporter
None of the country's 40,000 workers committees may legally call a strike without the approval of the representative labour union...

Strike threat

Had the strike broken out it would have paralysed the entire year. The management turned to the local Labour Court for an injunction and obtained one banning both strikes and lockouts...

Foreign ecological expert to advise Commerce Ministry

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A foreign ecological expert is to join the Chief Scientist's Office at the Commerce Ministry in two months' time, to study the ecological problems of existing and future industries...

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Moderate losses

NEW YORK (AP). — The Stock Market made no headway yesterday. Analysts blamed the moderate losses on year-end tax selling and lingering disappointment over setbacks to prospects for peace in Vietnam.

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How Peron destroyed himself

By JAMES NELSON
 BUENOS AIRES (Cdn.)

JUAN Domingo Peron slipped out of Argentina on December 14 to begin a tour of Paraguay and other Latin American countries before returning to Spain for Christmas. The date of his departure was revealed one day before he went. Details of his route were kept vague. He refused to nominate a candidate for the March 1973 elections while in the country, but just before boarding the aircraft he produced a document saying he would not run for office himself.

Behind him he left a movement in disarray. It took the former dictator just 28 days to destroy a myth that had withstood the attacks of his enemies for nearly 28 years. Since emerging as the strong man of a military regime in 1944 until his November 17 return, he had dominated Argentine politics. Yet within a few days of his arrival it was plain that he simply did not know how to challenge President Alejandro Lanusse. He addressed no mass meeting and public interest in his movements evaporated astonishingly quickly.

His efforts to fit together an electoral alliance failed. The Radicals, Argentina's other large party, refused to enter any meaningful pact, while a series of bloody pogroms between Peronists in the provinces indicated that the Justicialists (Peronists) themselves are as fractious as ever.

The return proved a bitter disappointment for Peronist leaders, who had totally misjudged the mood of the country. Peron did not detonate a political explosion.
Small welcome
 The jubilation that welcomed him was on a much smaller scale than the Justicialists had promised. For two days large numbers of his followers camped outside his house in the upper class suburb of Vicente Lopez, beating drums and shouting his name. From time to time Peron appeared at a window, dressed in a baseball cap and pyjamas to wave and plead for silence so he could sleep.



Juan Peron, in pyjamas, waves to the Buenos Aires crowd before he left last week. (AP photograph)

Peron has been unable to prevent the erosion of his image. When in Madrid he could be regarded as a superbman leader who never made a mistake. All setbacks could be blamed on the leadership in the country, while all victories could be attributed to Peron. But back in Argentina the Government, which prevented his supporters from massing to welcome him, kept him at the airport as a virtual prisoner for nearly a day, to show him and his followers just what was running the country. As soon as Peron had settled down in his new home and begun to confer with the country's leading politicians in the hope of forging a united front to oppose the regime, he discovered that his main potential ally, the Radical leader Ricardo Balbin — who ran for the presidency against Peron in 1961 — was not at all disposed to accept Peron's leadership over the opposition. Negotiations between the two at Peron's house and in a trendy restaurant failed to produce anything but a collection of generalities.

At the same time the mere presence of Peron served to accentuate the numerous splits in the Justicialist party, which covers a wide ideological spectrum of forces united by nothing more than allegiance, sometimes nominal, to Peron himself.

Converts drift away
 For the first weeks his personal security was in the hands of a number of moderate retired officers under the command of the retired Lieutenant-General Jorge Osinde. This angered the 'hard' youth leader Rodolfo Galimberti, who had hoped for a violent upheaval to accompany the return. Galimberti is winning the arduous struggle now going on between the revolutionary Peronists and the generally older moderates. Peron, in Argentina, found it hard to satisfy either with vague promises of ambiguous praise.

Within a week many recent converts to Peronism began to drift away. They had made common ground with the movement in order to oppose the military dictatorship, but had given little thought to the actual tenets of Peronism. They were soon annoyed by Peron's lack of precision and makeshift ordinances unwelcome in a man they wanted to regard as a giant. Many fellow travellers were upset by Peron's cavalier manipulation of figures to 'prove' his regime had been an economic success — figures that did not tally with the official Central Bank statements published by the Peronist Government itself.

As for the people, Peron's return after 17 years undisturbed the great change that had taken place since his enforced departure. Argentines are no longer disposed to troop, by their tens of thousands, to political meetings. The buffoonery and well-calculated meanness that were once so effective have limited impact today. Television has captured millions who once would have flocked to mass rallies.

Folkloric dressing of office must was the middle ground, and in the battle for the middle ground Peron faded into the nostalgia of many older workers. It is not the asset innumerable Argentines and foreign observers thought it was only two months ago.

PRESSURES IN HERUT

The internal difficulties encountered by Herut at its present party convention reflect, in part, general problems of adjustment which confront all of Israel's major political parties. The National Religious Party has already been splintered into a collection of contending factions. Mapam continues to nurse the bruises of its internal clashes, and the Labour Party manages to keep the lid on its divisions partly because it is kept busy with the day-to-day responsibilities which go with its national power, and partly because, despite Mrs. Meir's own statements, party leaders still hope she may be dissuaded from retiring at the end of her present term of office.

In all the parties the disputes centre on a compound of personalities, issues, and competition for power. Yet underlying the emotion and the rhetoric that arises from such a volatile combination is the need for each to adjust traditional images and rigid mechanisms of internal power allocation to the claims of new and younger aspirants to leadership.

For Herut, however, the internal struggle is made more acute by the fact of its being in opposition and out of power. Although our ubiquitous system of dividing power according to party keys enables an opposition party to attain at least some of the perquisites accruing to power, nevertheless even the veterans in Herut with secure seats would prefer to wield greater leverage in determining national events. And it is for this reason that Mr. Weizman's arguments about refurbishing the party in order to enhance its national role have been so effective. Mr. Begin may obtain legitimate satisfaction in enunciating and preserving Herut principles as spokesman and leader of a "historic" opposition to Labour dominance. But ambitious and younger party stalwarts, anxious to make rather than observe the decisions of political power, are understandably impatient.

Unlike the situation in other parties, any challenge to the party establishment in Herut must stop short of a challenge to Mr. Begin's own position at the top. For the members fear that without him the party would probably be shattered. This has always enabled Mr. Begin to stave off or in the case of Mr. Shmuel Tamir, successfully expel, centres of rebellion. But it has also meant that internal debate has always been circumscribed by the realization that in the end any position or any move for reform must gain Mr. Begin's sanction.

FATTER OR THINNER? ...



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VIETNAM AND THE M.E.

Davar (Histadrut): "Resumption of the American bombing of North Vietnam prolongs the war in Southeast Asia for an indefinite period. The failure of the Paris talks is to be found in North Vietnam's refusal to accept the proposed ceasefire supervision arrangements, which proves that Hanoi is not really thinking in terms of a real peace... Prolongation of the war in Vietnam also postpones dealing with

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the Middle East conflict. Furthermore, it proves that the U.S. will not agree to a settlement when the other party's behaviour is tricky, and it may be assumed that Washington will act in a similar manner with regard to the Middle East."

Ha'aretz (non-party), pointing to another possibility to account for resumption of the bombing of North Vietnam, suggests that Hanoi is not prepared to commit itself finally to the division of Vietnam into two separate states. The paper then goes on to say: "The heavy bombing of the North may yet achieve its purpose. The North might possibly collapse, and the danger of isolation from China and the Soviet Union may prompt Hanoi to return to the negotiating table. At the same time, peace does not appear to be around the corner."

Hatzofe (National Religious) and Al Hamishmar (Mapam) note that the U.N. resolution on terrorism provides conclusive proof that the U.N. has ceased to represent international morals and jus-

FOREIGN PRESS

U.N. 'LICENCE FOR TERROR'

The U.N. resolution on international terrorism approved on Tuesday, showed the world body could not be expected to do anything constructive in tackling the problem. The Times said in an editorial yesterday.

In fact, the London paper said, "While normally seeking to counter terrorism, the resolution will be widely construed by those who resort to terrorist activities as a licence to pursue their tactics."

The editorial continued: "What the Afro-Asians, who introduced the resolution through the committee stage, fail to appreciate is, that all countries are menaced by the same problem. What can happen to Israeli athletes at the Olympics can happen to them too."

"Terrorism threatens their governments and their citizens and their airlines, as much as, and probably more than, those of any other country. No amount of rhetoric about the struggle of national liberation movements can alter this fact, or substitute the need for in-

Readers' letters

THE RAY CHARLES CONCERT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — We attended the Ray Charles Concert at Binyanei Ha'Ooma on December 12. We bought tickets about a month ago — and were looking forward to an enjoyable musical night with this giant of jazz. What we got instead was an admission to being spectators at a farce!!! At the time when we purchased the tickets we didn't know that the performance was to be taped. I didn't mind all the interruptions due to the film crew, but then again sitting in the balcony we could at least see (which is more than I can say for those sitting in the orchestra — who saw the backs of the cameramen). But everything else about the concert we did mind. The 8:30 show began with a group of folks singing (at 9:00) the idea might have been a noble one, but we were so embarrassed for the children who didn't understand the boing and noise. The whole evening was a horror — and when it ended we ran — sure that a riot would follow, and from what we heard from friends who had tickets for the 11 p.m. show, that almost happened.

I have attended many TV shows in New York and no one minds the cameras, lights, etc. but the shows are free. For ILS.80 a ticket, I demand a refund.
KEEPL and YAACOV ANKORI
 Jerusalem, December 13.

★ ★ ★
 Sir, — I must commend the people of Binyanei Ha'Ooma who were behind the decision to let the audience from the 8:30 performance of the Ray Charles Concert remain for the 11:00 performance. Never has Binyanei Ha'Ooma looked so full before — and why not with an extra 1,500 people gathered in the aisles, sitting on the steps and benches, and practically hanging from the balcony. Already conditioned to the fact that "time" is meant to be delayed, changed, or postponed, I did not mind the delay of the 11:00 performance to midnight (one might even say that was to be expected) but I did mind finding someone else sitting in my seat. Not even in New York did I ever pay such a fancy price for a ticket to find my seat on the floor... the view being obstructed by people standing who also found their seats occupied by "remainders" of the 8:30 audience.

GLADYS G. GRONER
 Jerusalem, December 15.

Unfair treatment

Furthermore, we never forgave our broadcasting service that they did not run the replay in Belgium. In our view this was most unfair; if they had to miss the Apollo-17 launching, in compensation they should at least have broadcasted this other American achievement.

Ray Charles fans want money back

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — We are a stiff-necked people, a historical fact which the organizers of the Ray Charles concert would have done well to bear in mind. The first house audience simply refused to vacate the concert-hall, exasperating the police and others by staying put and entering into a rousing sing-song. Eventually, the first-house audience was permitted to stay for the second show.

If all this means anything, it shows among other things that Israelis don't like being fooled, even by the F.R. man, wherever they hall from surrounding great cities. Knowing only too well that the value of the Israeli pound in any case decreases day by day, we nevertheless feel entitled to our money's worth.
DAN LEON
 Jerusalem, December 13.

TELEPHONE INSTALLATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — I opened a new pharmacy in Bayit Vegan two months ago. About six months ago, we filed an application for a telephone. We paid the requisite sum one month ago to be exact. To-date, we have no telephone.

The Pharmaceutical Society, Jerusalem Branch, wrote two letters requesting the installation of a phone in the pharmacy, as it is an urgent necessity for the health of the community and its residents, as well as a requirement for roster duty. Last Saturday night, we were rostered duty. Many sick people, and I am sure some physicians, were unable to call us for emergency prescriptions because we still have no phone.
BENJAMIN S. MOGENSEN
 Bayit Vegan Pharmacy
 Jerusalem, November 8.

The Ministry of Communications replies:
 In the invoice covering installation of the telephone sent to your reader, it was clearly stated that the Ministry was not obligated to install the phone by a precise date, but would do so, provided we do so prior to March 31, 1973. This paragraph is included because we must first complete technical installations at the main exchange. Your reader's phone will thus be installed by the date indicated above.
Z. MIZROFSKY, Spokesman
 Jerusalem, December 12.

Lament to Abu Ghosh

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — I read with profound regret that the Abu Ghosh Musical Festival will for financial reasons be discontinued (Y. Boehm's article of December 8).

If the amount needed to carry on is approximately ILS20,000. I believe it should not be impossible to obtain it through voluntary contributions from the many people who enjoyed these concerts and their incomparable atmosphere through the years.

The refusal of our competent authorities to subsidize this enterprise is, as Mr. Boehm points out, due to the unwillingness of Sigi Stadermann to compromise. The fact that he has created this festival and maintained consistently high standards entitles him, in my opinion, to get programme policy, including the right to refuse what he might regard as artistic compromise. It is obvious that not all members of his audience, including Mr. Boehm and myself, have always agreed with everything he did. The ever-increasing percentage of youth in the audience would indicate to me that Mr. Stadermann was usually right.
JULIUS HEIMANN
 Tel Aviv, December 10.

Pen Friends

ORRIN J. SPERBERG (87), of Escherville, 4 Dantes Starple, Denmark, is the mother of our daughter and step-daughter. She would like to correspond with Israeli women of her age.
JOSEPH NYADON (49), of Bostel-Daka, Bahr el Jebel, Sudan, would like to correspond with Israeli women of her age.
RICARDO SAL DE LA FUENTE of Carrettera de Cirova, 5, Matara, Barcelona, Spain, would like to correspond in English or French with Israeli females.

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ETHNIC CRISIS

By Ephraim Kishon
YOU don't have to be a dove or belong to the fighting left, in order to be apprehensive on the delicate subject of the demographic crisis. As Mr. Sapir has pointed out more than once, our victories should not blind us to the danger which threatens us in the long run as an ethnic group.

True, today a certain balance is still maintained in the team, one may even speak of a small Jewish majority on the bench, but there is no doubt about it, should this process continue unchecked we shall soon be a minority. Quite possibly at the semi-finals. As a matter of fact one may state that if the black American player Ron Dunlop (2.02m.) had made the basketball court at Lier, Belgium, out of the five boys of Tel Aviv Maccabi there would have been four Americans — while in the Belgian team there are not more than two or three!

Tel Aviv Maccabi has got a demographic problem. Let there be no mistake: this writer (1.77 m.) chewed his nails to the quick in front of his TV screen while our Steve Minkoff stopped with his basketball hands the Black Belgian Dexter Westbrook, and our rise to the quarter-finals of the European Cup fills our heart with pride and joy. We don't want to be spoilsports, we definitely wish Israeli sport that it should advance with giant steps, but not American giant steps, if at all possible.

Furthermore, we never forgave our broadcasting service that they did not run the replay in Belgium. In our view this was most unfair; if they had to miss the Apollo-17 launching, in compensation they should at least have broadcasted this other American achievement.

Again, we have nothing against the American basket-



The demographic threat — one of Israeli Americans Alan Friedman.

ball players in our ranks, except if they are sitting in front of us at the cinema. They are all nice guys, Steve Chubin for instance who looks like a 6th generation Sabra, and a scion of the Maccabees, and every time Joshua Rosin asks for "time out" and whispers tactical instructions in high-faloot Hebrew, Chubin stands around patiently, and looks at him lovingly as if he were saying: "I can't understand you, but I know how you feel."

Perhaps one Israeli

Of course, the world of basketball discovered long ago there is no substitute for the American colossi who are in a position to look down on the baskets from above, and thus the world's best teams are teaming with students from Texas. All the same we would not like to reach the European cup finals with the majority of the Israeli team being Americans. What's more, we feel that at least one of the boys should always be an Israeli, like Tel Aviv's Steve Chubin, so that he should be able to translate the trainer's instructions. Our national prestige demands that at the final our genius of a midget captain, Haim Starkman, should toss the victory basket from the middle of the field against the Soviet team strengthened with three American players.

In any case, international basketball is definitely going places. At least here there is a permanent influx of players from abroad. There is nothing wrong with that, everybody is doing it. However, it seems to us that in a not too distant future, our game against Real Madrid, Champion of Europe, will be played in the gym hall of Yale University. They'll arrange things among themselves.
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